

## **Mansfield Commission on Aging**

### **Minutes**

**Monday, November 10, 2003 2:30 PM – Senior Center**

PRESENT: Carol McMillan, Elizabeth Norris, Beth Acebo, Mary Thatcher, Kenneth Doeg, Patricia Hope (staff)

Absent: Susanna Thomas (chair), John Brubacher, Barbara Ivry, Carol Phillips, Jean Ann Kenny (staff), Kevin Grunwald (staff), Phillip Secker, Dortha Mercier

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Norris at 2:30 PM

II. Appointment of Recording Secretary: Patricia Hope agreed to take minutes for this meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes of the October 14 2003 Meeting: Minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

IV. Correspondence - Chair and Staff: none received

V. Optional Reports on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations

A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – In her absence, Patricia Hope distributed copies of J. Kenny's report for the month of October. Of special note was the Flu Clinic held on October 23. 603 people participated.

Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation – Patricia Hope distributed MCNR News II dated October 2003, which was provided by J. Kenny.

B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – P. Hope distributed her report for the month of October. She noted that the Veteran's Program held today was very successful. Approximately 120 people were in attendance. Effective today, the Senior Center will start offering TVCCA meals 5 days a week in addition to the Windham meals Tues-Thursday. This second option was added to assist seniors who cannot afford the \$4.00 Windham Hospital meal or who do not like the choice of entrée. P. Hope will attend a statewide forum on "Building Healthy Communities in CT" with Kevin Grunwald on November 12. It is hoped the Senior Center will be able to provide updated information on legislative changes to seniors at the Senior Center.

Senior Center Assoc. – J. Brubacher was absent. No report.

C. Housing

Assisted Living Project – Several members of the COA had questions about Assisted Living Facilities.

Juniper Hill: No additional updates.

D. Related Town and Regional Organizations

Com. on Physically and Sensorily Impaired – Mary Thatcher had no updated reports. Their meeting was cancelled last month

Senior Resources of Eastern CT – Carol McMillan reported she is no longer the Mansfield representative for the advisory council of Senior Resources. Carol Drescher replaced her on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Resources annual dinner.

Town Plan of Conservation and Development – No report.

Town Community Center: The community center is now open. No report.

VI. Old Business

Information on Fund Requests to Town from Agencies: Patricia Hope distributed the new “Application for Funds” and “The Instructions for Reviewers” that was supplied by Kevin Grunwald. Members indicated they liked page two of the application as well as the last page. They felt the current application would eliminate problems of not obtaining requested information from the agencies, specifically the number of Mansfield residents being serviced. The deadline for the application is January 5.

Patricia Hope reviewed her past notes from the October meeting. The following individuals indicated they would review the following applications:

Carol McMillan – McSweeney Center

Mary Thatcher – Dial-a-ride

Carol Phillips – Meals-on-wheels

Phillip Secker – Companion and Homemakers

VNA East?

Members of the COA were uncertain if Kevin Grunwald would be sending a letter to agencies who previously requested funds along with the new application. Patricia Hope indicated she would address this with Kevin Grunwald, but thought this would be the case.

Plans for Political Information and Action: Patricia Hope is attending a CT Commission on Aging annual meeting where Judith Stein from the Center for Medicare Advocacy will be speaking. She offered to drive any senior who wishes to attend on November 14<sup>th</sup>. She hopes to have Judith Stein come to the Community Center to address Mansfield residents about upcoming Medicare issues.

VII. New Business

The Commission's relation to the CT Coalition on Aging and our Response to 2003-2004 Legislative Survey from the CT Coalition on Aging: The commission decided to submit completed surveys to Linda Wohllebe at the Senior Center, who will forward these onto the CT Coalition on Aging.

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VIII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM  
(The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2003 at 2:30, Senior Center.)